

lature. We voted against district elections for the city and twenty-five senators in the Legislature said, Omaha, you have lost your right to vote. We ignore you when you vote at the polls. We are the ones that are going to decide how Omaha or Douglas County is going to rule itself. I ask you, is that a fair way to treat the people that elect you?

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: This is one senator that is not going back to Douglas County and say, I crammed something down your throat. I didn't ask you. I haven't seen any polls taken by the World Herald or anyone else or even the presenters of this bill that the people of Douglas County want district elections. Think about that, Senators.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Fifteen seconds.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And I hope you will support Senator Hannibal's amendment that we at least give the people in Douglas County the right to vote the same as the rest of you senators perhaps would want for the people in your district. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I have four lights that are still on from the bill, and we were talking to Senator Chambers, H. Peterson, Newell and Kilgarin. Did any of you wish to speak to the amendment? Senator Chambers is first.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is difficult being a black person in a white assembly and my community is lucky they found somebody intelligent, strong and not intimidated and not run from the Chamber due to nausea. Now it is very easy for these white people to stand up here and talk about a tyranny of the majority. If white people say black people aren't entitled to representation, let them have what they want like before the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution said, "Despite what you want, you cannot have it." Now the thing I am upset about is what upset JFK when he went into a gathering and he was talking about the racism in this country and he said, "Whereas this assembly is talking about justice," he was going through one of the departments of government. He said, "There are too many white faces up there and not enough black faces." There were none at all. I listened to tripe, I listened to ignorance down here for thirteen years. I listened to Senator Higgins try to demean my motives by implying that I would offer a bill to get Senator Newell elected. That is ridiculous. It is an outright lie. She is the one who voted to help put this bill out on the floor. This bill was not introduced for the purpose of helping Senator Newell get elected and as far as these people wanting to